

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

September 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Don Thompson, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Joel Louque, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Willie George Lee, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director
Toni Guitrau, Executive Secretary
Larry Bankston, Attorney

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau second by Lee to approve the August 2011 meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - T. Louque presented to the Board the August 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by J. Louque, second by Rouchon to approve the August 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Reported on the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Cornette to approve the 'Private Road Crossing Agreement' as presented between the ARBC & the Kansas City Southern RR and to authorize the ARBC President to execute said agreement.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business
 - Discussed the status of the CEA between the ARBC and LA DOTD. The draft CEA submitted months ago to the LADOTD has not yet been approved by the Secretary.
 - Status/Discussion of Hunting Lease of Property at Lilly Bayou: This matter will be placed on hold until further notice.
 - Update on Rules for Acquisition of Property; submission for public advertisement and legislative oversight. The deadline for any comments to be submitted is October 5, 2011. To date, no comments have been received.
7. New Business:
 - John L. McKowen, CPA, presented the Commission with the completion report for the 2010-2011 Audit. In brief, there were no violations or deficiencies, and the ARBC is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and the Legislative Auditors Office. The Board unanimously approved a motion by J. Louque, second by Zuelke to accept the audit report as presented.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas, second by Lee to renew the Accounting Contract, as presented, at \$700 per month, with David Shoptaugh for July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Bargas to approve Resolution 1087 as presented. Resolution 1087, along with Certificates of Appreciation, are to recognize these following young citizens for their work and effort to keep the Amite River free from trash and debris for the

benefit and enjoyment of all people in the Amite River Basin: Grant Venable, Jacob Venable, Matthew Venable, Cade Sevario, Cole Sevario, Elizabeth Delee, Grace Delee, Kaylee Tassin, Blake Ashford, Kyle Leblanc, and Taylor Scrantz

8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender
Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: October 26, 2011